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Subject: LHD- Guidance regarding public swimming pools and tattoo establishments during social distancing order

This is provided as best practice guidance and are recommendations only. No permit action should be taken based on these recommendations alone; all permit action should continue to be based on the .2500 and .3200 rules only. As direction from the Governor or the CDC becomes available, we need to move to be compliant with those directives.

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS:

The most recent guidance from the CDC regarding transmission of Covid-19 and how it relates to pools and hot tubs can be viewed here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html> [cdc.gov]

Currently, pool and hot tub use has not been associated with the spread of Covid-19. I am including the link so that the most current guidance can be used as we move through this pandemic.

For pools which are going to continue to operate, they should follow the social distancing guidelines and *may* implement extra safeguards such as:

- Only using every other lane in lap pools.

- Limiting the number of people in the pool enclosure.

- Raising the disinfectant level slightly to ensure it does not fall below the required level.

- Check pool chemistry frequently.

- Clean and disinfect doorknobs, dressing and sanitary facilities, and items in common areas.

TATTOO ARTISTS:

Tattoo artists should be advised to follow the social distancing guidelines. They are familiar with universal precautions, and clean and disinfect their work areas on a regular basis. Visits to tattoo establishments by county staff should be done by appointment to limit exposure to other people. While in the establishment, maintain distancing guidelines and ask the artist to go through the procedure while watching from a distance.

When possible, without jeopardizing county staff health, tattoo permits should continue to be issued as requested. Staff should reinforce the importance of social distancing and advise additional disinfection of doorknobs, sink faucets, telephones, and items within the waiting area. If the artist insists on working, they should limit access to clients only and work by appointment as much as possible.

Please contact your Regional EHS if you have further questions.

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